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Roger,

I'm not in the office today (working from home because swelling of my foot from a fire ant sting made it too uncomfortable to wear socks and shoes!), but from what I can gather of what displaced it on Bob's calendar, it was the kind of things that come up relatively suddenly and are very time-sensitive. So no negative message, just the usual scheduling vicissitudes.

Thanks for sending the statement -- I agree and it's unusually candid and clearly stated for this issue where impenetrable euphemisms generally dominate.

To the limited extent I understand what's in the BDCP, I take some considerable pride in the apparent absence of drinking water standards as a driver for either the need for or capacity of the canal (which is what advocates tried to use as what to me was a substantively insupportable rationale for the "isolated facility" back in 1998-2000).

As I gather, it's more based on the need to displace the pumps as a destructive force for the hydrology of the Delta -- is that accurate? (I'm sure it's much more complicated than that.) What as far as you know is the relationship between the amount of water to be moved in the canal compared to what has been taken out of the Delta via the pumps? Roughly the same? Significantly more? Are the pumps still going to be used to take the San Joaquin shares out of the Delta? Will there be more than that? The "no more water, no guarantees" really is a sea change though more in rhetoric than the reality of limited supplies. Always boggled my mind a little that Westlands growers started off with a maximum allocation of 1.25 af/ac, and hoping for more would always have required a reversal of the changed western water consensus that the CVPIA's passage represented.

Anyway, babbling on here.

Phil

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Phil,

The meeting tomorrow was cancelled. Was that on our end or theirs?

I think Phil I. makes some good points.

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My personal reaction to last week's announcement on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) by Governor Jerry Brown and US Interior Secretary Ken Salazar is attached. My bottom line is this:

"As a grumpy old guy involved in California's water wars, I thought the announcement, the theatrics surrounding

it, and the staff work that backed it up was very, very interesting. Serious public policy people should pay attention.”

Please call if you have any questions.

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